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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated October 4, 2003, in the above-identified patent application be extended for two-month until March 4, 2004.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in

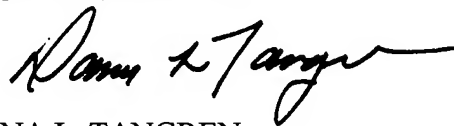
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connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana L. Tangren", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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